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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

February 6, 2003

BY FAX

Ms. Carol M. Douglas  
Ungaretti & Harris  
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Re: Ellsworth Industrial Park Site  
Downers Grove, Illinois

Dear Ms. Douglas:

Please excuse my delay in responding to your letter dated December 16, 2002. A full response will require further coordination within the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), but in the interim I can respond to some of the matters raised in your letter.

First, various reports prepared for and by U.S. EPA have referred to 5400 Janes Avenue as the Tricon facility. This terminology merely reflects the fact that Tricon Industries, Inc. is currently operating at that location. These references do not reflect a conclusion as to what extent Tricon may be responsible for contamination identified at 5400 Janes Avenue. U.S. EPA is aware that another entity owns the 5400 Janes Avenue property and that yet another company operated at the property prior to Tricon. Those entities have also been identified as potentially responsible parties (PRPs) at the Site.

Second, in its report *Weston Solutions* (Weston) categorized various properties as probable sources, potential sources, and areas requiring further investigation. U.S. EPA did not explicitly request that Weston create these categories, and U.S. EPA is not relying on them for assignment of relative culpability. More accurately, these categories reflect Weston's assessment of the quality of evidence available at this early stage of the Site investigation.

Third, you are correct in noting that U.S. EPA's draft PRP response summary table does not contain a separate entry to distinguish Tricon operations at 5400 Janes Avenue from Tricon operations at 2324 Wisconsin. It also relates facts known about 5400 Janes Avenue without attempting to allocate responsibility among PRPs at that property. This draft document was meant only to provide an initial roadmap to potentially relevant information in the files. It has

apparently served its purpose.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Krueger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Krueger" clearly distinguishable.

Thomas J. Krueger  
Associate Regional Counsel

cc: Mazin Enwiya, U.S. EPA  
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